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California Man Pleads Guilty to Transportation and Possession of Child Pornography

WASHINGTON - A 22-year-old California man, Eric M. Lamb pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia to charges of Transporting and Possessing child pornography, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor, Metropolitan Police Department Chief Cathy L. Lanier, and Joseph Persichini, Jr., Assistant Director in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington Field Office, announced.

Sentencing is scheduled before Judge John D. Bates for July 17, 2009. Lamb faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years imprisonment and a potential maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment. He will be required to register as a sex offender for fifteen years.

According to evidence presented at the plea hearing, Lamb, using the screen name "Givesamouthful," first made contact on-line with an undercover officer working with the FBI/MPD Child Exploitation Task Force in May 2007. After a brief on-line conversation, during which Lamb sent the officer two images of clothed children, the officer had no further contact with Lamb until April 2008. On April 21, 2008, still using the name "Givesamouthful," Lamb re-initiated on-line contact with the officer. Between April 21, 2008 and July 15, 2008, Lamb communicated several times a week with the officer via e-mail and Instant Messenger. During the course of the conversations, Lamb sent to the District of Columbia via the Internet, hundreds of images and video clips of prepubescent children engaging in sexual acts with adult men. He also provided a cellular telephone number to the officer and had two telephone conversations with him.

Investigation determined that the Yahoo account associated with the screen name "Givesamouthful@yahoo.com" was registered to a fictitious name. The Internet Protocol addresses associated with logins to that account showed that the majority of addresses were registered to publicly accessible computer networks in California, some operated by a county government.

FBI agents conducted surveillance at locations in California associated with the IP addresses used by "Givesamouthful" during his contacts with the undercover officer. On

July 15, 2008, the officer was on-line with Lamb who was then still unidentified. After Lamb sent an image on-line to the officer, the officer placed a call to the cellular telephone number Lamb had provided. Agents conducting surveillance at the Campbell City Library in Campbell California observed a man in the library answer his cellular telephone. As the agents approached the man, the undercover officer was able to hear the interaction between the agents and the man, confirming that "Givesamouthful" was the same man agents saw in the library.

Lamb was placed under arrest and on July 18, 2008, law enforcement agents executed a search warrant at his residence in Campbell, California. Several data storage devices were seized during the search, and images sent by Lamb to the undercover officer were recovered. Forensic analysis determined that Lamb possessed over 1,000 images of child pornography as well as video files of child pornography. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children identified 856 images as being images of known minor victims.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

In announcing today's guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Taylor, MPD Chief Lanier, FBI Assistant Director in Charge Persichini commended the excellent work of the FBI/MPD Task Force and in particular the outstanding work of undercover officer Detective Timothy Palchak and the investigative work of the assigned FBI Special Agent. In addition, they thanked the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California for its assistance and cooperation in this case. Finally, they commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine Connelly, who prosecuted the case.

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